Company FRG Meeting

9 December 04

Agenda

- Election for Secretary
- Dr. Ron Wells
- Deployment Update
- FRG Notes
- Upcoming Events

Need a New Secretary

- Volunteers for Secretary
  - Kimberly Ruffner
  - Kim Winsor
- Any other volunteers?
- Please vote for one, fold ballot, and pass to the left

Dr. Ron Wells

Pediatrician

Deployment Update

- B Co, 4-123d AVN will deploy to Balad, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF)
- Ship load date – On going
- Deployment Ceremony – 14 Dec 04
  - 1300 in Hangar 2 (all spouses and children are invited to attend)

Deployment Update

- Block Leave – 15 Dec 04– 5 Jan 05
- Deployment Party – 7 Jan 05
- Personnel in Kuwait 14-17 January 05
- Cargo in Kuwait 15-21 January 05
- Anticipated Transfer of Authority – 5 March 05

Address in Balad

Soldier’s Name
B Co., 4-123d Aviation
APO AE 09391

How the Soldiers Will Leave

- Soldiers will draw weapons at Arms Rm and enter Hangar 2
- Once a Soldier enters Hangar 2, they will not be allowed to leave
- There will be a Muster Formation at D-5 (5 hours prior to the plane’s departure)
- Bags will be loaded on a truck for weighing
- Soldiers will be loaded on buses located in Hangar 2
- Soldiers will be transported from Hangar 2 directly to the plane at Fairbanks International

Chain of Concern

- It was tested last month – very successful
- Anyone not called?
- During the deployment, if you move or go out of town, please update your information with either your key caller, SSG Robinson or Amy DiMarco
- Initially we will call to report important milestones, then we will call approximately once a month
- You can always call your key caller/FRG leaders or SSG Robinson anytime

Senator Ted Stevens Party

- 20 December at the Last Frontier Club
- 1330-1530
- Only those that RSVPed
- List of RSVPs available at the back table

New BN Website

- Go to Ft. Wainwright Home Page
  - www.wainwright.army.mil
- Click on Unit Links
- Click on 4th Battalion 123rd Aviation
- Click on Sugar Bear patch on right side of page
- FRG Monthly Newsletters will be posted (Microsoft Publisher and Microsoft Word)

US Postal Service

- You can call 1-800-610-8734
  - Press 1 for English
  - Press 3 for Operator
  - Ask for packing boxes and materials to mail packages to service members deployed overseas

Yellow Ribbon Room

- Part of this classroom is set up with furniture and a computer to email your spouse. Can only access websites that end with .gov or .mil
  - Spouses can get an AKO account to email and instant message
  - Go to www.us.army.mil to set up account
- There will also be brochures and pamphlets from ACS and other agencies on post

Newsletter

- We need 4 people to meet at B Co classroom on Friday, December 10 at 11:00
- Who is not receiving the newsletter?
- We will be putting it on the website in both Microsoft Word and Microsoft Publisher formats

Holiday Bazaar

- The Holiday Bazaar was a great success. B Co. FRG raised $200 at the Bazaar and an additional $100 from the Soldiers
- Thanks to everyone that helped bake, organize, and sell

B Co Deployment Pins

- There are Bravo Company Deployment Pins for sale for $5.00 each
- Option 1: We pay BN FRG $131.00 for 98 pins, then we keep all the money that we raise
- Option 2: We sell the pins and give whatever money we make to the BN FRG
- We have already sold 30 pins for a total of $150.00

B Company T-shirts for sale

Quantities are limited

- $12.00 for short sleeve
- $15.00 for long sleeve
- $10.00 for children’s sizes

Deployment Party

- Update on Deployment Party
  - Party will be on 7 Jan 05 at Jalapenos (Old Steese Highway)
  - Need RSVPs (number and ages of everyone attending) before 15 December (Block Leave)
- Timeline
  - 0530 – 0630 Kids Activities
  - 0630 – 0730 Dinner (Buffet)
  - 0800 – Adult time (i.e. Alcohol)

Deployment Party (cont)

- Currently, Jalapenos has applied, but not received a liquor license
  - If license is approved prior to the party, it will be a pay as you go bar
  - If not, we will provide beer at a small fee, anything else will be BYO (no hard liquor)
- Need volunteers to set-up, help with kid’s activities, and clean-up

Deployment Party (cont)

- FRG Account has $1,000
- The Party Committee has raised approx. $3,200 in donations
- The costs:
  - $15.00 for 12 years old and up
  - $4.00 for ages 6-11 years old
  - $300 misc (decorations, tips, DJ, kid's activities)
- Cost for 200 adults and 100 kids =$3,700

Deployment Party (cont)

- Option 1: Use the $1,000 to further defray the cost of the party (possibly free depending on attendance)

- Option 2: Do not use the $1,000 and everyone pays approx. $5 to attend (depending on attendance)

Upcoming Events (Battalion)

- 14 Dec
  - 1300 Deployment Ceremony
  - 1800-2000 – BN Christmas Party, Hangar 2
    - Need 4 volunteers to man B Co Craft Table for 30 mins at a time (cut and paste)
    - Party set-up will be directly after the Deployment ceremony. If you want to help let Amy or Lisa Rotte know
    - RSVP by 10 December (tomorrow)
- 10 Jan, 28 Feb, and 28 Mar 1800, BN FRG Potluck – BN Classroom All spouses and children are invited

Upcoming Company Events

- 7 January – Company Deployment Party
- 10 February, 1800 – B Co. FRG meeting, BN Classroom
- February – Spouses Night Out

  or

  Family Get Together?

  14 or 22 February?
- 10 March, 1800 – B Co. FRG meeting, BN Classroom

And The New Secretary Is...

Questions?